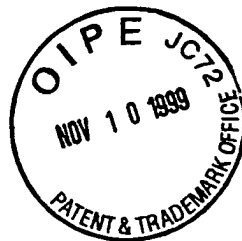


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In re application of	:	PATRICK CARROLL , et al
Serial No.	:	08/872,088
Filed	:	6/10/97
For	:	DIAGNOSTIC SANITARY TEST STRIP
Examiner	:	C. CHIN
Art Unit	:	1641
Our File No.	:	9186.4804



TRANSMITTAL OF ISSUE FEE PAYMENT,
CONFIRMATION OF ASSIGNMENT AND SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith, please find the Issue Fee Transmittal documentation along with appropriate payment in the above-captioned case. Applicant notes that the Assignment from the Co-Inventors to Home Diagnostics, Inc. was filed simultaneously in conjunction with the original patent application and related documentation on June 10, 1997. Also filed at that time was the Verification of Small Entity Status for the corporation.

Applicant has also, simultaneously herewith, under separate cover filed a copy of the Assignment for Recordation in the Assignment Division.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone call to expedite this case.



Respectfully submitted,

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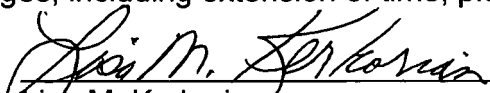
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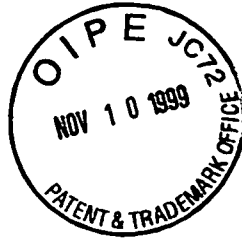
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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the formal drawings for the above-cited application. The Black portion shown in Figures 1 and 2 is not for shading purposes. The drawings were originally objected by the Patent Office based on the Official Draftsman's belief that such Black portions were provided to illustrate shading. Applicant has discussed the issue with the Chief Patent Draftsman Bridgette Gray by telephone, and has obtained her approval for the Black portions in drawings Figures 1 and 2.

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